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Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR WORKLOAD-AWARE REQUEST DISTRIBUTION IN CLUSTER-BASED NETWORK SERVERS

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- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
(X) New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee
() Other: (fee \$)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | | | | | | |
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| (1) FOR | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADDITIONAL FEES |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 24 | MINUS | 20 | = 4 | X \$50 | \$ 200 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 6 | MINUS | 4 | = 2 | X \$200 | \$ 400 |
| [] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | + \$360 | \$ 0 |
| EXTENSION FEE | 1ST MONTH \$120.00 | 2ND MONTH \$450.00 | 3RD MONTH \$1020.00 | 4TH MONTH \$1590.00 | | \$ 0 |
| OTHER FEES | | | | | | \$ |
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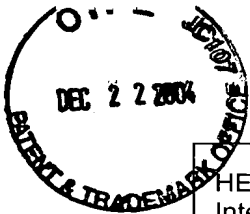
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, wherein claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, and 15 are amended, claim 3 is canceled without prejudice, and new claims 21-25 are presented.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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